

## Communications conducted regarding Trans Immigrants and the City of Presidio:

- 10/19/2017 – The City of Presidio was invited to attend a meeting with the Port of Entry in Presidio regarding Trans Immigrant traffic possibly being diverted from Brownsville (Los Indios) to either/or the Ports of Entry in Eagle Pass, Del Rio or Presidio. The city was represented by Council Woman Isela Nunez and Economic Development Coordinator Brad Newton.
- 10/25/2017 – Attended the Binational Health Council meeting in Presidio sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Services Department. Advised that regarding the Trans Immigrant traffic, Health and Human Services would only be available to assist should a concern arise regarding a response to the Center for Disease Control.
- 10/30/2017 – Communicated with Sgt. Lee Snead of the Texas Department of Public Safety regarding the Trans Immigrants. We discussed law enforcement issues that have been seen in the past and the possibilities of being provided assistance in the future if needed including joint operations and training.
- 10/31/2017 – Chief Jose De La Rosa with the Los Indios Police Department advised that they average the recovery of ten (10) stolen vehicles a week and between five (5) and (6) vehicle accidents a week related to the Trans Immigrants. December is the busiest time of year with a daily rate of up to seven hundred (700) vehicles crossing a day. Inevitably vehicles will have mechanical problems and left for long periods of time and routinely “abandoned”. Texas DPS will occasionally conduct southbound inspections. Contact information: (956) 730-6600, email [chief@cityoflosindios.org](mailto:chief@cityoflosindios.org)
- 11/01/2017 – Attended a special meeting of the County of Presidio Commissioner’s Court with the County Judge in attendance. They were informed of the possibility of the change of venue for the Trans Immigrants from Los Indios to the Port of Entry in Presidio. Discussed concerns and benefits that the changes may mean.
- 11/08/2017 – Briefed the City Council and Mayor on the issued of Trans Immigrants and the possibility of the change of venue from Los Indios to the Port of Entry in Presidio. Again, discussed the concerns and benefits that the changes would mean.
- 12/05/2017 – Attended a meeting at the Presidio Port of Entry with Port Director Michael Neipert, Alex Leos, Brad Newton and Omar Sanchez, Operations Specialist from El Paso. We heard that Eagle Pass is no longer being considered leaving Del Rio and Presidio as the two remaining ports. We discussed possible strategies going forward

and Director Neipert shared with us some of things he experienced on a recent visit to the Port of Entry in Los Indios. Ultimately this is unilaterally Mexico's decision.

- 12/13/2017 – Council Meeting briefed again on the Trans Immigrants issue with a proposal to share responsibilities with the private sector and divert the traffic through a city operated “Inspection and Holding Facility” with the POE. First reading of prospective ordinances.
- 12/17/2017 – Conferred with Roger Carlisle, Consultant, recommending that we obtain written verification from Government Entities regarding the proposed change of venues with the Trans Immigrants. He cautioned against the spending of city monies without written documentation and further suggested to simply identify the areas for proposed activities, like parking lots for future development.
- 12/18/2017 – Spoke to Larry Brito who works with the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City conducting special assignments. He was given a rundown of the current information we have available to us and also shared our concerns. He was familiar with the talk of diverting the traffic through Presidio and will look into the matter more thoroughly. Asked if the city would be willing to participate in a committee designed to address the problems they have already identified. Agreed it seemed to be a matter worthy of homeland security funding.
- 12/18/2017 – Conferred with Litha Miller of the State Department and assigned to the Mexican Affairs Team regarding the Trans Immigrants. Her contact information is (202) 647-9894 and [millerli2@state.gov](mailto:millerli2@state.gov). Miller confirmed that they had also heard of the prospective change of traffic flow regarding the Trans Immigrants, but did not have any information that was concrete. According to Miller a “diplomatic note” was sent to the Mexican Government which has yet to respond formally. She did also add that it would be “out of the normal” for Mexico to make these changes without consulting the State Department ahead of time. Asked if she could provide something in writing, she said she would not, but agreed to keep us apprised should they hear something back from the “diplomatic note”